

COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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BULLETIN: 80-3

TO: LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: DRIVER TRAINING UPDATE: FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

For several years, POST has certified tuition-reimbursable driver training at various locations in the State. Because of concern over the high cost of this training and its effectiveness for experienced officers, the POST Commission directed staff to review the matter of driver training.

This review resulted in the Commission focusing driver training on recruit officers in the basic academies. Because many academies would have difficulty in implementing recently mandated behind-the-wheel driver training performance objectives for the Basic Course due to lack of financial resources and suitable facilities, a plan for POST to support driver training in the basic academies was adopted by the Commission.

At its January 1980 meeting, the Commission approved a funding emphasis to the basic academies. Staff was directed to:

1. Develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Commission review which may be used to solicit bids for contract to provide recruit officer driver training beginning early in the 1980/81 Fiscal Year. This report will be presented at the April Commission meeting.
2. As an interim step, reinstitute certification of tuition-reimbursable driver training courses for the balance of this Fiscal Year. The purpose is to make behind-the-wheel training available, as a separate certified course, for ongoing basic academy classes. (For this purpose, the Commission authorized expenditure of no more than \$175,000, which will include reimbursement for tuition, travel, and subsistence.)

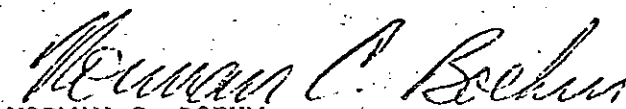
Staff is currently working with trainers to develop the minimum content and presentation standards for tuition courses to be presented for basic academy trainees. It is planned that the course will be presented on a cost sharing basis--academies paying instructional costs and POST will reimburse, to a pre-specified maximum amount, for other costs. It is anticipated that decisions will be made and certifications awarded to allow such training to commence by March 15, 1980. This interim program is currently authorized only through June 30, 1980.

This new direction by the Commission will serve to help assure that in the future all basic academy graduates will come to the job better prepared as drivers of law enforcement vehicles.

The Commission recognizes existing needs for refresher/remedial driver training for experienced officers. POST will continue to allow such training as a part of Advanced Officer Courses and will entertain requests for certification of Plan IV, Technical Courses designed to provide such training.

It is also contemplated that Plan IV certification may be granted to the three-day course for experienced officers previously presented by the Academy of Defensive Driving. This would renew availability of the course without excessive impact on the Peace Officer Training Fund. POST would reimburse for travel and per diem, and departments choosing to use the course would pay a nonreimbursable tuition.

The foregoing briefly describes the direction being taken by POST in this important area. Those who have questions or concerns are urged to contact our Operations Division at (916) 445-0345; Bureau Chief Glen E. Fine is coordinating program development in this area.


NORMAN C. BOEHM
Executive Director

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Sheriff Bernard J. Clark
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Dear Sheriff Clark:

We appreciate you and Stan taking time from your busy schedules to make the 923 Group Presentation at our Advisory Committee meeting on February 5, 1980 in Huntington Beach.

Because many of us, as individuals, have already responded or were in the process of responding to your request, the Committee unanimously agreed to continue the process of individual response.

We look forward to receiving the final product and hope our input will assist you in expediting the process.

Once again, thank you for your update on the activities and progress of the 923 Group.

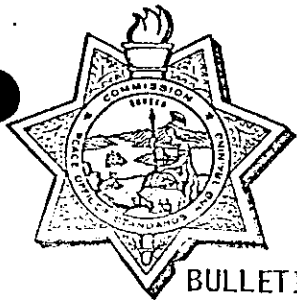
Sincerely,

R. Wasserman

ROBERT WASSERMAN, Chairman
P.O.S.T. Advisory Committee



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February 21, 1980

BULLETIN: 80-2

SUBJECT: CSTI - ISSUES AND OPTIONS
(California Specialized Training Institute)

The purpose of this letter is to ask you not to make a decision of endorsement for or against CSTI's request to be funded by POST until POST can complete a study of the issues and alternatives and circulate it to interested parties before the April Commission meeting.

CSTI was begun in 1972 on National Guard property in San Luis Obispo in response to a need for courses on civil disturbances. Funding was totally by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) through California's Office of Criminal Justice Planning. As the tense civil disturbance situation waned, courses in other areas were developed and substituted, still under LEAA funding.

In 1976-77, CSTI was given its first contract by POST in the amount of \$315,100 in a matching fund situation with LEAA. This year, 1979-80, CSTI's contract with POST amounted to \$366,000 with LEAA providing funds of approximately \$750,000 for a total CSTI budget of something over \$1,000,000. LEAA funds will, reportedly, not be available to CSTI as of July 1, 1980. CSTI is asking POST to become its sole, permanent funding source. Direct costs would be \$1,000,000 or more per year; indirect costs (travel and per diem) could increase this to approximately \$2,000,000 per year.

At its January 1980 meeting, the POST Commission deferred a decision on CSTI and asked staff to prepare a study and report back at the Commission's April 24, 1980 meeting in Sacramento. This study will examine a number of alternatives ranging from no funding (with training provided in other appropriate ways) to continuing CSTI in its present format, to a much expanded centralized training concept.

A number of organizations and individuals have or may be asked to endorse putting CSTI into the POST Fund by legislation. To provide an opportunity for review of the alternatives before formulating a position, POST would be pleased to share copies of the report with interested parties in the law enforcement community as soon as it is completed, probably two or three weeks in advance of the April Commission meeting.

If you have interest in receiving the report, please let us know and we will forward it as soon as it is completed.

Sincerely,

NORMAN C. BOEHM
Executive Director

ROLE OF THE POST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose

The Advisory Committee of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training is established for the principal purpose of providing two-way communications between the Commission and associations and organizations sharing a vital interest in the activities and decisions of the Commission. The Advisory Committee shall be a consortium of representatives of common interest groups which convenes periodically to give and receive information, review projects and programs, and make recommendations to the Commission.

Procedures

The Advisory Committee may:

- Receive briefings on POST's programs, projects, and major issues.
- Call to the attention of the Commission any suggestions or concerns of members' associations and organizations and the Advisory Committee collectively.
- Formulate specific recommendations for the POST Commission consideration when directed by the Commission.

The Advisory Committee does not have responsibility to undertake projects of its own. Rather, the Advisory Committee's function in this regard shall be to provide input on specific, precisely defined issues as directed by the Commission and serve as a sounding board for the Commission. It shall not receive projects initiated by staff nor direct staff; however, communication with staff shall be encouraged and maintained.

The Advisory Committee shall schedule, as far in advance as practical, at least four meetings annually, any one or more of which may be cancelled if deemed unnecessary by the Chairman. One of the four scheduled meetings shall be with the Commission or its representatives, preferably at or near the site of the Commission meeting and the day before.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall attend Commission meetings and serve as spokesman for the Advisory Committee.